Receiving software programmes by DD

2321. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any restriction on the Doordarshan Kendras regarding receiving of software from private programmers;

(b) if so, whether violation of the same has been reported at Doordarshan Kendra, Kolkata and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that software from private programmers/producers is accepted by all Doordarshan Kendras, including DDK, Kolkata, as per the guidelines on sourcing of programmes issued by Directorate General; Doordarshan/Prasar Bharati, from time to time.

Control over cable operators

†2322. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Government have requested the Central Government for strengthening their hands to exercise control over the cable operators in their respective States; and

(b) whether Government have taken any decision in this regard, if so, the States which have been granted such rights alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) No such specific request has been received from any State Governments. Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 has a provision for Authorised Officers of State Governments/Central Government, which includes District Magistrate, Sub-Divisional Magistrate and Commissioner of Police within their local limits of jurisdiction and other officers notified by Central Government or State Government to take action against cable operators for violation of the provisions of the Cable Act.

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